

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/883,516	LEVINE ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Steven S. Paik	2876	

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**Status of Application: Final Rejection with Appeal Brief**

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**Date of Interview:** 23 March 2004

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Interview:**

- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No  
 If Yes, provide a brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:  
 35 U.S.C. 103 (a)

Claims discussed:  
 5, 7, and 8

Prior art documents discussed:  
 O'Hagan et al. (USPN 6,424,830); Roslak (USPN 5,825,002)

**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**  
 See Continuation Sheet

**Part III.**

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

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(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner explained the teachings of cited references and how they are interpreted and applied to the claimed invention. In particular, the examiner stated that the slave device as claimed in the present application might be reasonably considered a unit that provides auxiliary or secondary data communication with a host or main system. Therefore, it was proposed that an amendment with additional limitation describing the slave unit and a location of an identifying barcode being on a portable bar code scanner of the slave device. The applicant has agreed and authorized for the Examiner's Amendment to further process the patent application with efficiency. Claims 5, 7, and 8 will be amended as following:

In the Claims:

5. (Currently Amended) A method for establishing a master/slave data communication link between a master device having a first bar code scanner and a slave device comprising a portable bar code scanner, comprising the steps of: providing a machine readable identification device on a slave device, an identifying bar code on the exterior of said portable bar code scanner, said identification device including identification data individually identifying said slave device; reading said identification device with a reader, other than said slave device, associated with said master unit to obtain said identification data; determining a slave address of said slave device from said identification data; and operating said master unit to associate with said slave device using said slave address.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of providing the identifying bar code on the exterior of said portable bar code scanner being associated with a network address of the slave device.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of providing a terminal including a processor, a master radio module for providing data communications and a program for operating said processor, said program being arranged to operate said first barcode scanner, provide data to said processor, operate said processor to recognize said data as data identifying said slave device, and operate said master radio module to conduct data communication with said slave device.